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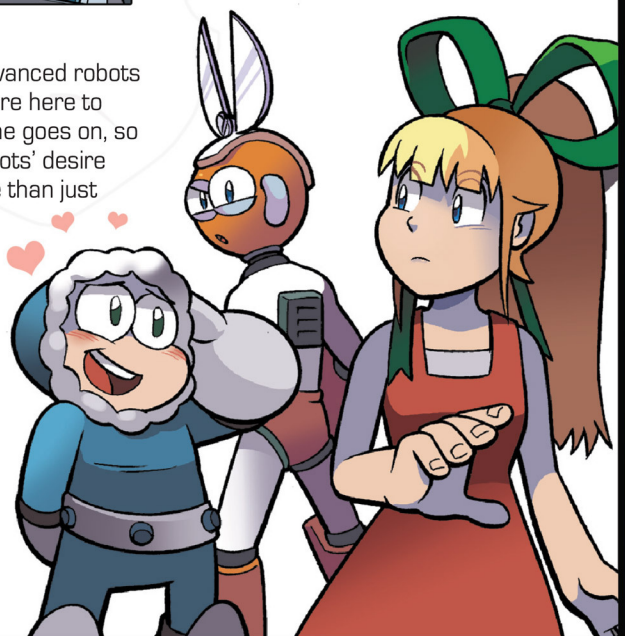
Mega Man and his robotic friends have, time and again, triumphed in the face of adversity and evil – but through it all, one struggle in particular eludes these heroes: the desire to be more human.

The concept of a robotic "soul" has been a controversial one – some are offended by the very concept, arguing that robots run on nothing more than computer coding and are to be used as tools for the betterment of humankind. Dr. Light argues that the human body itself is simply an advanced "machine" built out of DNA "coding" with flesh and blood instead of metal and circuitry.

"Soul" or not, advanced robots like Mega Man are here to stay – and as time goes on, so grows these robots' desire to become more than just "tools."

They evolve in new ways every day, running programs of "friendship," "loyalty,"

and for some, even "love"...



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LIGHT LABS HELPER-ROBOT

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QUAKE WOMAN
GEOLOGICAL SURVEYING ROBOT MASTER

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LIGHT LABS' ARCTIC RESEARCH CENTER...
ALL RIGHT, QUAKE WOMAN, SHAVE ANOTHER MICROMETER OFF THE SIDE THERE. EASY! EASY! THIS HAS TO BE PERFECT FOR HER! SHE'LL BE HERE ANY MOMENT!
PERHAPS IF YOU HADN'T HAD ME RESTART TWICE OVER...

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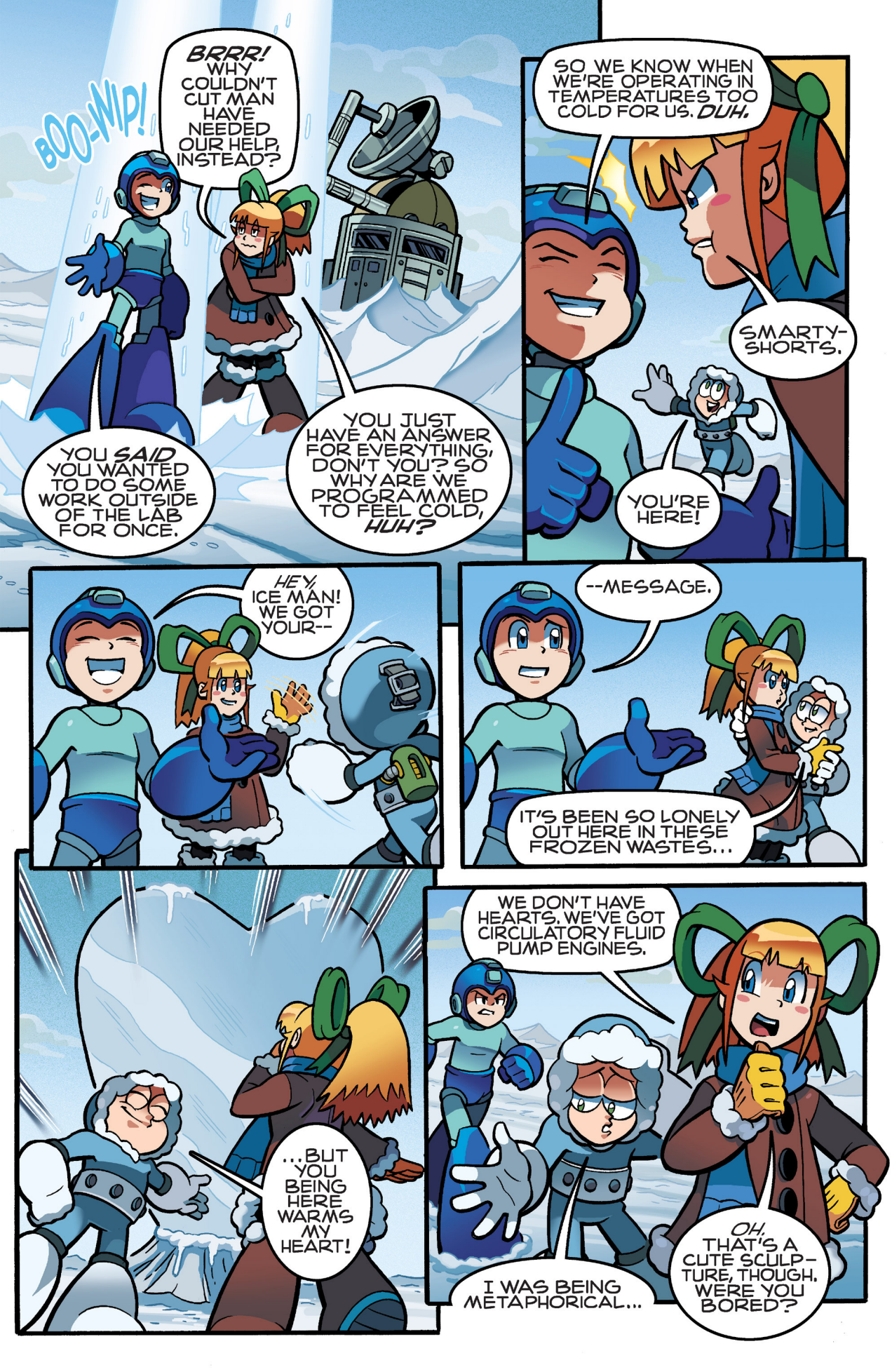
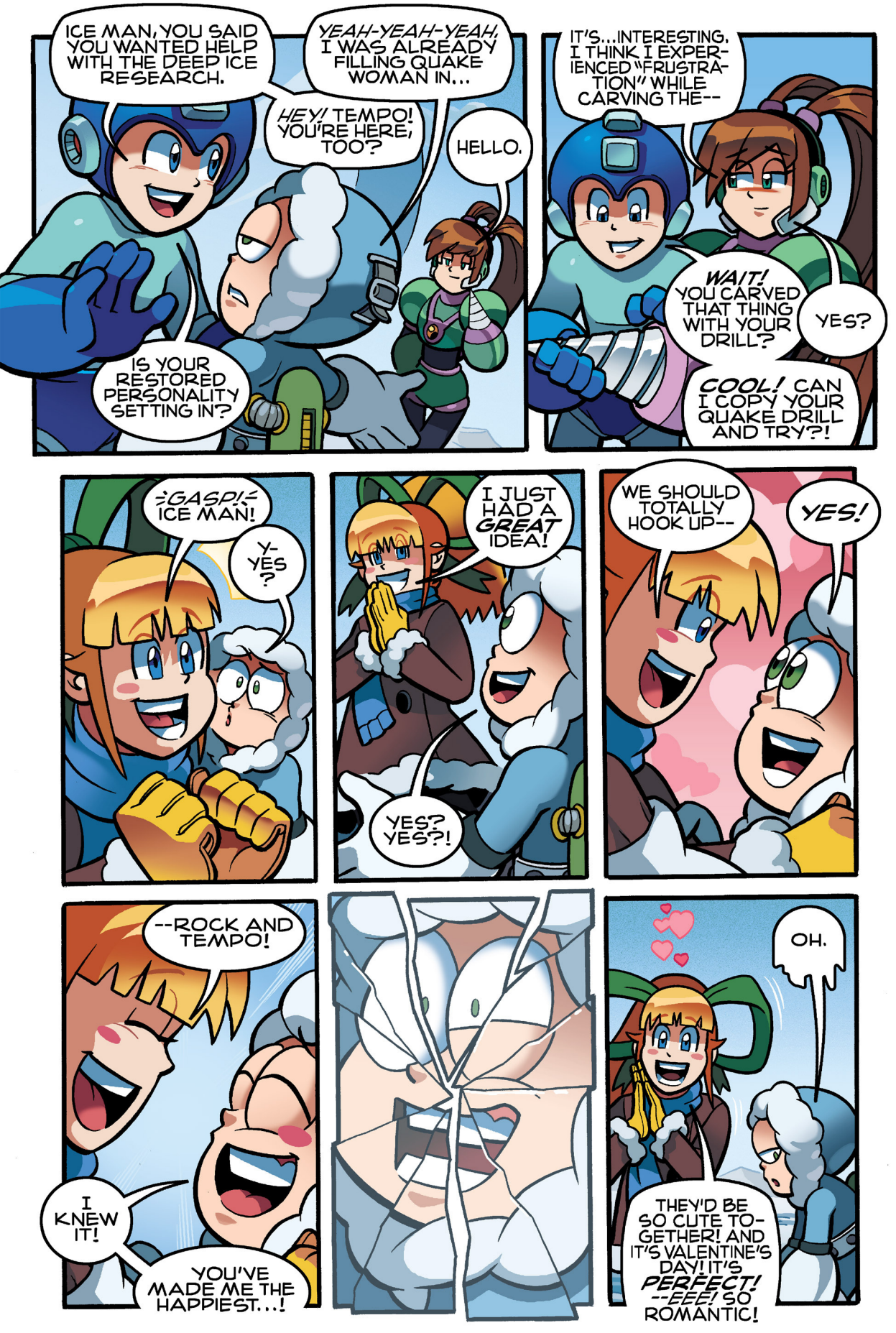
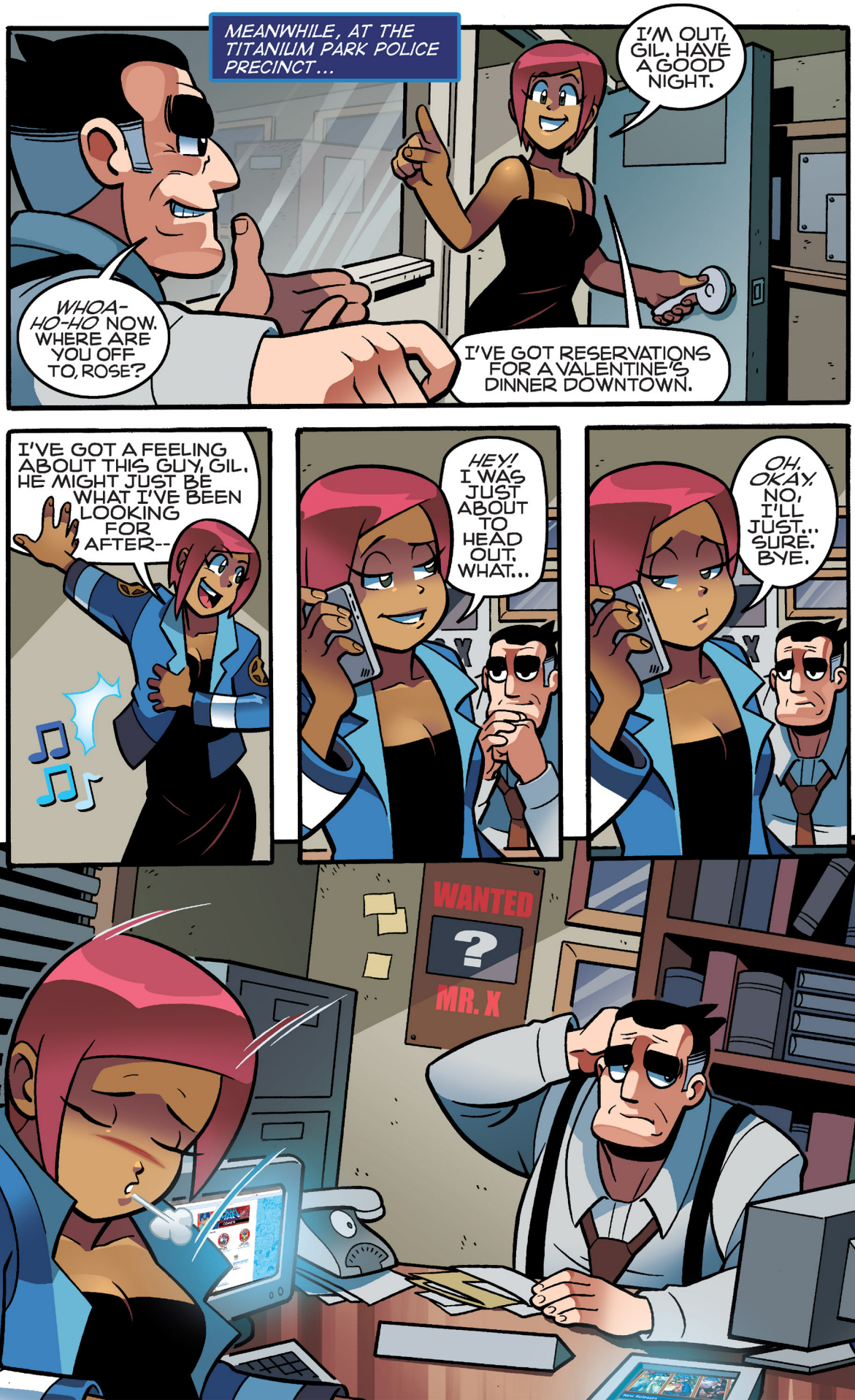
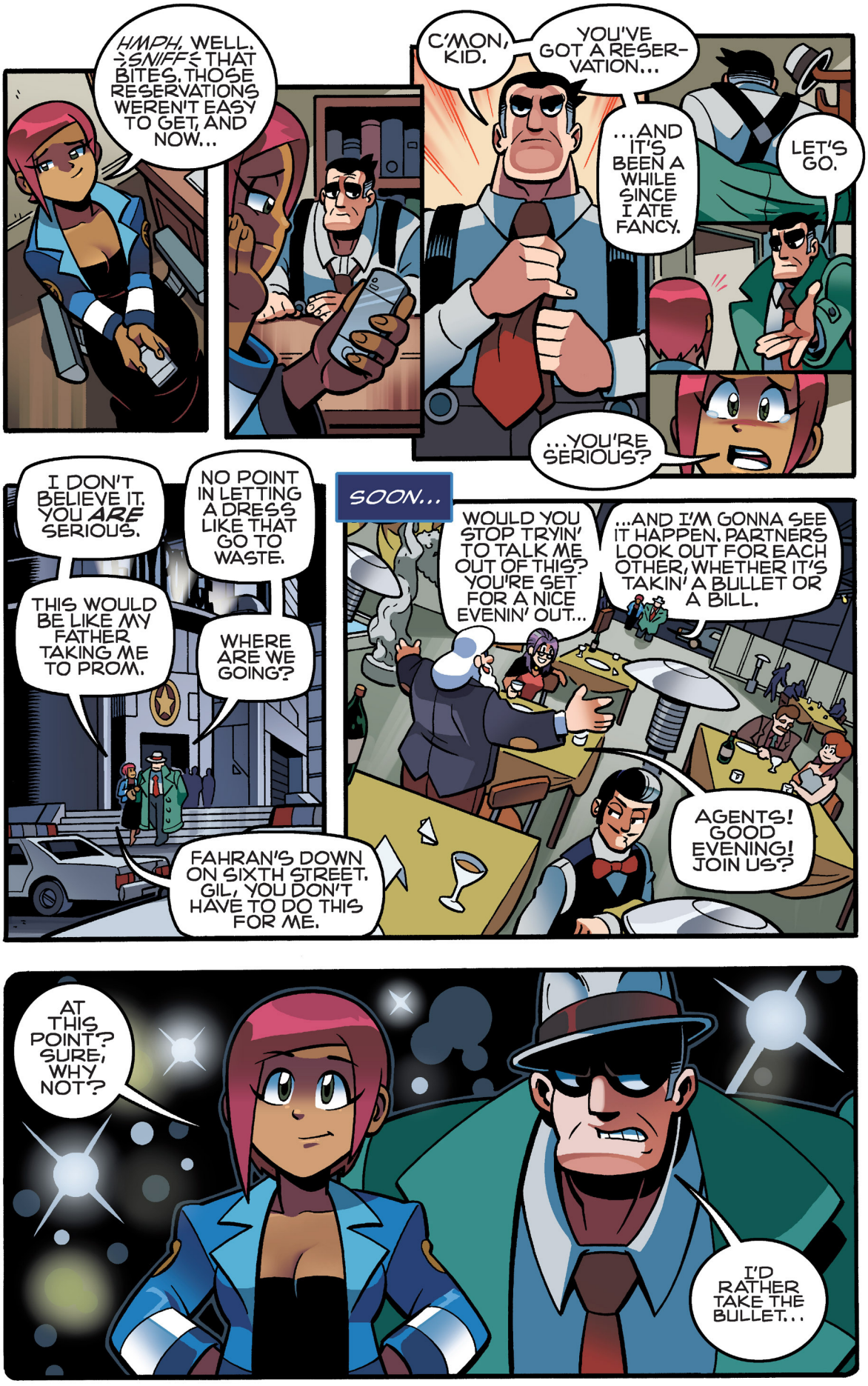
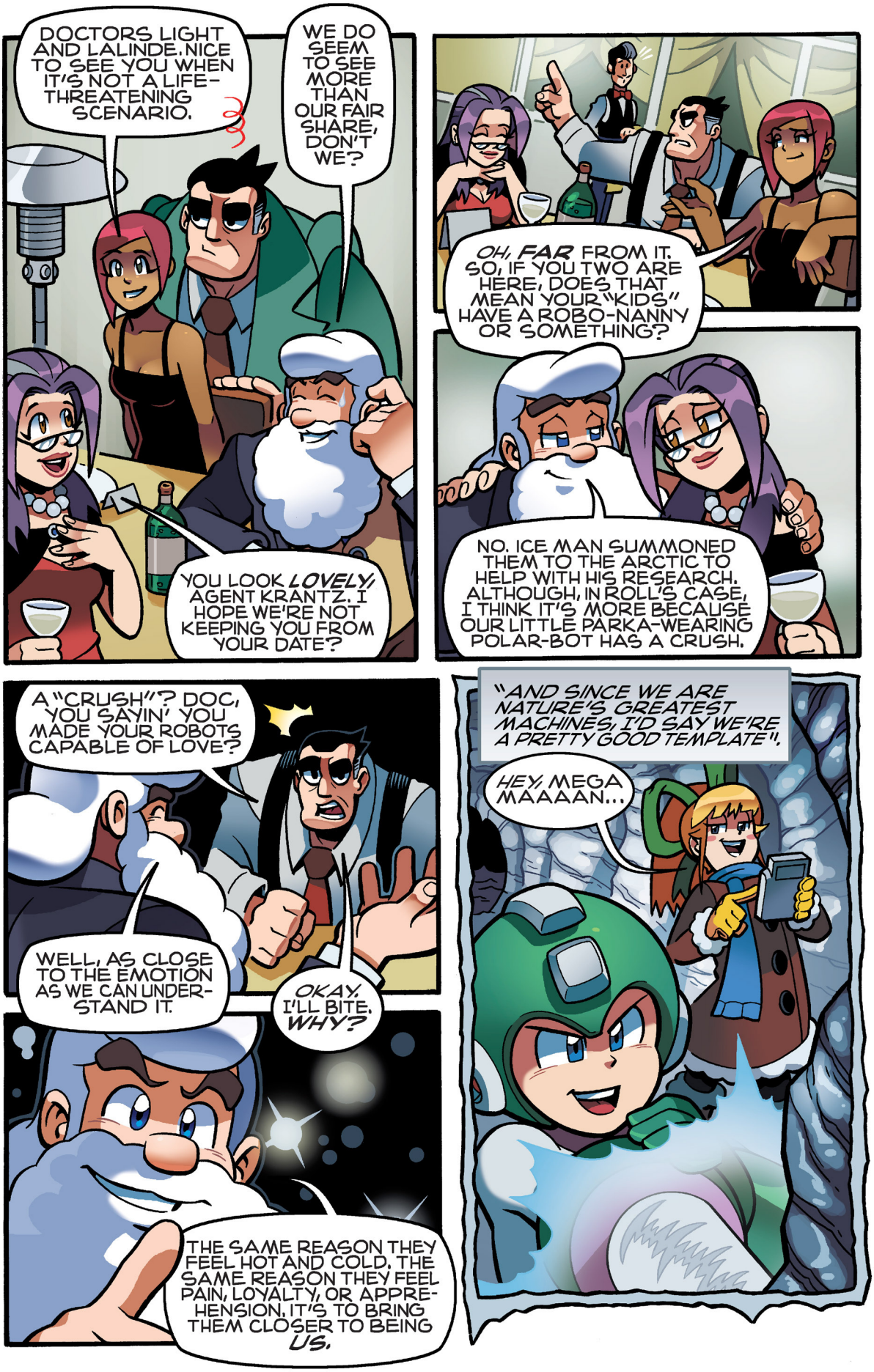

BOO-WIP!
BRRR! WHY COULDN'T CUT MAN HAVE NEEDED OUR HELP, INSTEAD?
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO DO SOME WORK OUTSIDE OF THE LAB FOR ONCE.
YOU JUST HAVE AN ANSWER FOR EVERYTHING, DON'T YOU? SO WHY ARE WE PROGRAMMED TO FEEL COLD, HUH?
SO WE KNOW WHEN WE'RE OPERATING IN TEMPERATURES TOO COLD FOR US. DUH.
SMARTY-SHORTS.
YOU'RE HERE!
HEY, ICE MAN! WE GOT YOUR--
--MESSAGE.
IT'S BEEN SO LONELY OUT HERE IN THESE FROZEN WASTES...
...BUT YOU BEING HERE WARMS MY HEART!
WE DON'T HAVE HEARTS. WE'VE GOT CIRCULATORY FLUID PUMP ENGINES.
I WAS BEING METAPHORICAL...
OH, THAT'S A CUTE SCULPTURE, THOUGH. WERE YOU BORED?


ICE MAN, YOU SAID YOU WANTED HELP WITH THE DEEP ICE RESEARCH.
YEAH-YEAH-YEAH, I WAS ALREADY FILLING QUAKE WOMAN IN...
HEY! TEMPO! YOU'RE HERE, TOO?
HELLO.
IS YOUR RESTORED PERSONALITY SETTING IN?
IT'S...INTERESTING. I THINK I EXPERIENCED "FRUSTRATION" WHILE CARVING THE--
WAIT! YOU CARVED THAT THING WITH YOUR DRILL?
YES?
COOL! CAN I COPY YOUR QUAKE DRILL AND TRY?!
:GASP!: ICE MAN!
Y-YES?
I JUST HAD A GREAT IDEA!
YES? YES?!
WE SHOULD TOTALLY HOOK UP--
YES!
--ROCK AND TEMPO!
I KNEW IT!
YOU'VE MADE ME THE HAPPIEST...!
OH.
THEY'D BE SO CUTE TOGETHER! AND IT'S VALENTINE'S DAY! IT'S PERFECT! --EEE! SO ROMANTIC!


MEANWHILE, AT THE TITANIUM PARK POLICE PRECINCT...
I'M OUT, GIL. HAVE A GOOD NIGHT.
WHOA-HO-HO NOW. WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO, ROSE?
I'VE GOT RESERVATIONS FOR A VALENTINE'S DINNER DOWNTOWN.
I'VE GOT A FEELING ABOUT THIS GUY, GIL. HE MIGHT JUST BE WHAT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR AFTER--
HEY! I WAS JUST ABOUT TO HEAD OUT. WHAT...
OH. OKAY. NO, I'LL JUST... SURE. BYE.
WANTED
?
MR. X


HMPH. WELL. =SNIFF= THAT BITES. THOSE RESERVATIONS WEREN'T EASY TO GET, AND NOW...
C'MON, KID.
YOU'VE GOT A RESER-VATION...
...AND IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I ATE FANCY.
LET'S GO.
...YOU'RE SERIOUS?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT. YOU ARE SERIOUS.
NO POINT IN LETTING A DRESS LIKE THAT GO TO WASTE.
THIS WOULD BE LIKE MY FATHER TAKING ME TO PROM.
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
FAHRAN'S DOWN ON SIXTH STREET. GIL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS FOR ME.
SOON...
WOULD YOU STOP TRYIN' TO TALK ME OUT OF THIS? YOU'RE SET FOR A NICE EVENIN' OUT...
...AND I'M GONNA SEE IT HAPPEN. PARTNERS LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER, WHETHER IT'S TAKIN' A BULLET OR A BILL.
AGENTS! GOOD EVENING! JOIN US?
AT THIS POINT? SURE, WHY NOT?
I'D RATHER TAKE THE BULLET...


DOCTORS LIGHT AND LALINDE. NICE TO SEE YOU WHEN IT'S NOT A LIFE-THREATENING SCENARIO.
WE DO SEEM TO SEE MORE THAN OUR FAIR SHARE, DON'T WE?
YOU LOOK LOVELY, AGENT KRANTZ. I HOPE WE'RE NOT KEEPING YOU FROM YOUR DATE?
OH, FAR FROM IT. SO, IF YOU TWO ARE HERE, DOES THAT MEAN YOUR "KIDS" HAVE A ROBO-NANNY OR SOMETHING?
NO. ICE MAN SUMMONED THEM TO THE ARCTIC TO HELP WITH HIS RESEARCH. ALTHOUGH, IN ROLL'S CASE, I THINK IT'S MORE BECAUSE OUR LITTLE PARKA-WEARING POLAR-BOT HAS A CRUSH.
A "CRUSH"? DOC, YOU SAYIN' YOU MADE YOUR ROBOTS CAPABLE OF LOVE?
WELL, AS CLOSE TO THE EMOTION AS WE CAN UNDERSTAND IT.
OKAY. I'LL BITE. WHY?
THE SAME REASON THEY FEEL HOT AND COLD. THE SAME REASON THEY FEEL PAIN, LOYALTY, OR APPREHENSION. IT'S TO BRING THEM CLOSER TO BEING US.
"AND SINCE WE ARE NATURE'S GREATEST MACHINES, I'D SAY WE'RE A PRETTY GOOD TEMPLATE".
HEY, MEGA MAAAAN...

ENJOYING THE QUAKE DRILL?
YEAH.
I REALLY PREFER USING MY COPY CHIP ON TOOLS RATHER THAN WEAPONS. DRILLING FOR THESE CORE SAMPLES IS TRICKY THOUGH!
I BET IF YOU AND TEMPO SPENT EVEN MORE TIME TOGETHER, YOU'D HAVE A GREAT TIME.
UH...SURE? SHE'S NICE TO HANG OUT WITH.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT. I MEAN REALLY GET TO KNOW HER. Y'KNOW, PERSONALLY.
SHE'S STILL GETTING TO KNOW HERSELF--SHE JUST GOT HER "SELF" BACK.
I MEAN DATE HER!
DATE? BUT I DON'T--
YOU'D BE ADORABLE TOGETHER! PLUS IT WOULD HELP HER EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT! IT'D BE SWEET OF YOU!
THAT...SORTA... MAKES SENSE. I'LL...THINK ABOUT IT? (YOU'RE BEING WEIRD.)
NO. JUST...NO. PEOPLE AREN'T MACHINES.

I'M SORRY. HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS.
BUT AREN'T WE, THOUGH? AUTO-MOTIVE CREATURES BUILT ON A RIGID FRAME?
LIMBS AND DIGITS CONTROLLED BY TENSION AND POWERED BY FUEL? OUR BRAINS ARE THE FINEST COMPUTERS IN THE WORLD...
...PROCESS-ING INNUMERABLE CHEMICAL AND ELECTRICAL INPUTS. THE ONLY REAL DIFFERENCE IS THAT WE'RE MADE OF ORGANIC MOLECULES.
AND *HE'S* ALWAYS LIKE *THIS.* SO MUCH FOR A ROMANTIC EVENING.
SO YOU'RE SAYIN' WE'RE EXACTLY THE SAME. US AND THE ROBOTS.
FUNDAMENTALLY, YES. NOT LITERALLY, OF COURSE.
EVEN WITH OUR CURRENT PROGRESS, FULL HUMAN-ROBOTIC INTEGRATION IS STILL *THOUSANDS* OF YEARS AWAY...
NOT THE POINT, DOC! YOU DON'T... YOU DON'T MAKE A TV THAT STAYS UP WONDERIN' WHY THE RE-MOTE DON'T CALL! *WHY* DO THEY *NEED* TO LOVE? *HOW* IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?
WHY?
BECAUSE A ROBOT WITH NEAR-HUMAN THINKING ABILITY THAT *CAN'T* LOVE IS FAR SCARIER THAN ONE WHO CAN. AS FOR "HOW," IT'S THE SAME AS US...

"...THEY TAKE THE DATA THEY'VE ACQUIRED, EVALUATE IT, AND EXTRAPOLATE THE MOST REASONABLE OUTCOME.
HOW'S IT GOIN', TEMPO?
IT IS GOING WELL, ALTHOUGH I'M CONCERNED THAT FURTHER DRILLING MAY DESTABILIZE THE CHASM. ICE IS HARDER TO READ THAN ROCK OR SOIL.
ISN'T THIS ICE GORGEOUS, THOUGH? GLITTERING, GLEAMING...ROMANTIC, DON'T YOU THINK?
I...SUPPOSE? I DO NOT THINK I'VE FELT THAT EMOTION YET. THEY'RE VERY HARD TO I.D. AND CATALOGUE.
WELL, I'M AN EXPERT! YOU TRUSTED ME WHEN THE CRUISE SHIP CRASHED, RIGHT?*
YES?
*MM #19.
THEN TRUST ME NOW. THIS SETTING IS VERY ROMANTIC. YOU SHOULD USE THIS MOMENT TO EXPERIENCE A NEW EMOTION!
...I SHOULD?
THEN I WOULD NEED A COMPATIBLE PARTNER. NOT ICE MAN. I'M PRETTY SURE I FELT "ANNOYANCE" TOWARD HIM TODAY.
YOU SHOULD HOOK UP WITH MY BROTHER!
...I SHOULD?
DEFINITELY! THIS IS GOING TO BE SO CUTE! AND SWEET! AND THEN MAYBE YOU CAN GET MARRIED, AND I CAN BE THE MAID OF HONOR, AND IT'LL BE SO LOVELY!
...M-MARRIED?

YEAH, WELL, WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GET TO THE UGLY SIDE OF LOVE?
WHAT? YOU MEAN THE NERVOUS-NESS? THE LACK OF CON-FIDENCE?
I MEAN JEALOUSY, DOC.
HEY... DO YOU THINK I SHOULD, UH, DATE QUAKE WOMAN? I THINK I'M TOO YOUNG, BUT THEN AGAIN, WE'RE ROBOTS. WE DON'T AGE, SO...
WHAT WOULD I KNOW ABOUT ROMANCE?
I SUPPOSE JEALOUSY COULD ARISE. BITTERNESS. RESENTMENT.
BINGO. EVER READ SHAKESPEARE? "ROMEO AND JULIET"? "HAMLET"? THIS IS COMIN' FROM MY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: "LOVE" IS A PRETTY HANDY MOTIVE FOR ALL KINDS OF BUNK!
...I WOULD... LIKE YOUR ASSESSMENT ON... WELL... WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF ROMANCE?
NOTHING, APPARENTLY!
WHY DON'T YOU TWO JUST--I DON'T KNOW--HEAD DOWN TO SITE B?
"A LOVING HEART IS THE BEGINNING OF ALL KNOWLEDGE." THOMAS CARLYLE.
YEAH, WELL, "LOVE IS TOO YOUNG TO KNOW WHAT CONSCIENCE IS." WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.
LOOK AT YOU! AGAIN WITH "THE BARD!"
I'VE GOT ONE OF THEM OLD PEOPLE HOBBIES. I LIKE TO READ.

SO...UH... GOOD DRILLING TODAY, HUH?
YES.
UM... YOUR HAIR LOOKS NICE?
THANK ...YOU?
SORRY. I'M JUST... WHAT'S THE EXPRESSION? "TRYING TO BREAK THE ICE"?
CRAFK!
CRAFK!
RUMMBBLL
CRAFK!
CRICK!
CRAFK!
CRAFK!
SNAP!
SHRK
CREEK
CREEK

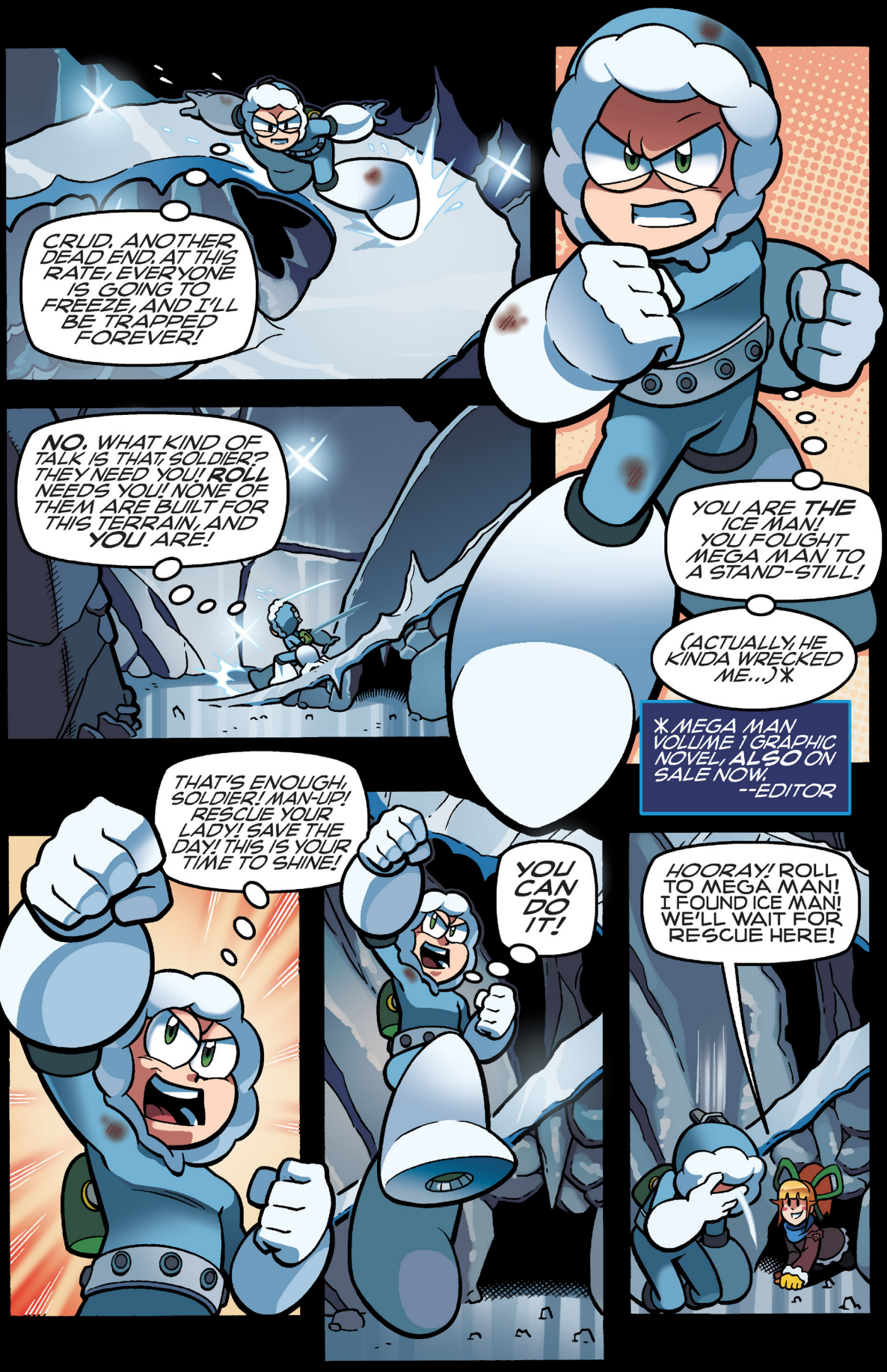
HAHAHA!
AND THEN--HAHA--THAT'S WHEN I SAID, "THAT WASN'T CORNED BEEF!" AND ALBERT NEVER STOLE MY LUNCH AGAIN!
HAHAHAHAHA!
AHH...I DO MISS THOSE DAYS... THAT ALBERT.
DON'T DO THIS TO YOURSELF, THOMAS. NOT TONIGHT.
SHE'S RIGHT.
DOCTOR WILY IS A REAL THREAT.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THE EMERALD SPEARS WOULD THINK YOU'RE JUST AS DANGEROUS AS HIM.
I CAN.
I'M NOT SAYIN' THE SPEARS' METHODS WERE RIGHT. THEY'RE CRIMINALS, WACKOS AND MORONS. I'M GLAD YOU TWO CAME OUT OKAY AND THAT THOSE MOOKS ARE BEHIND BARS...

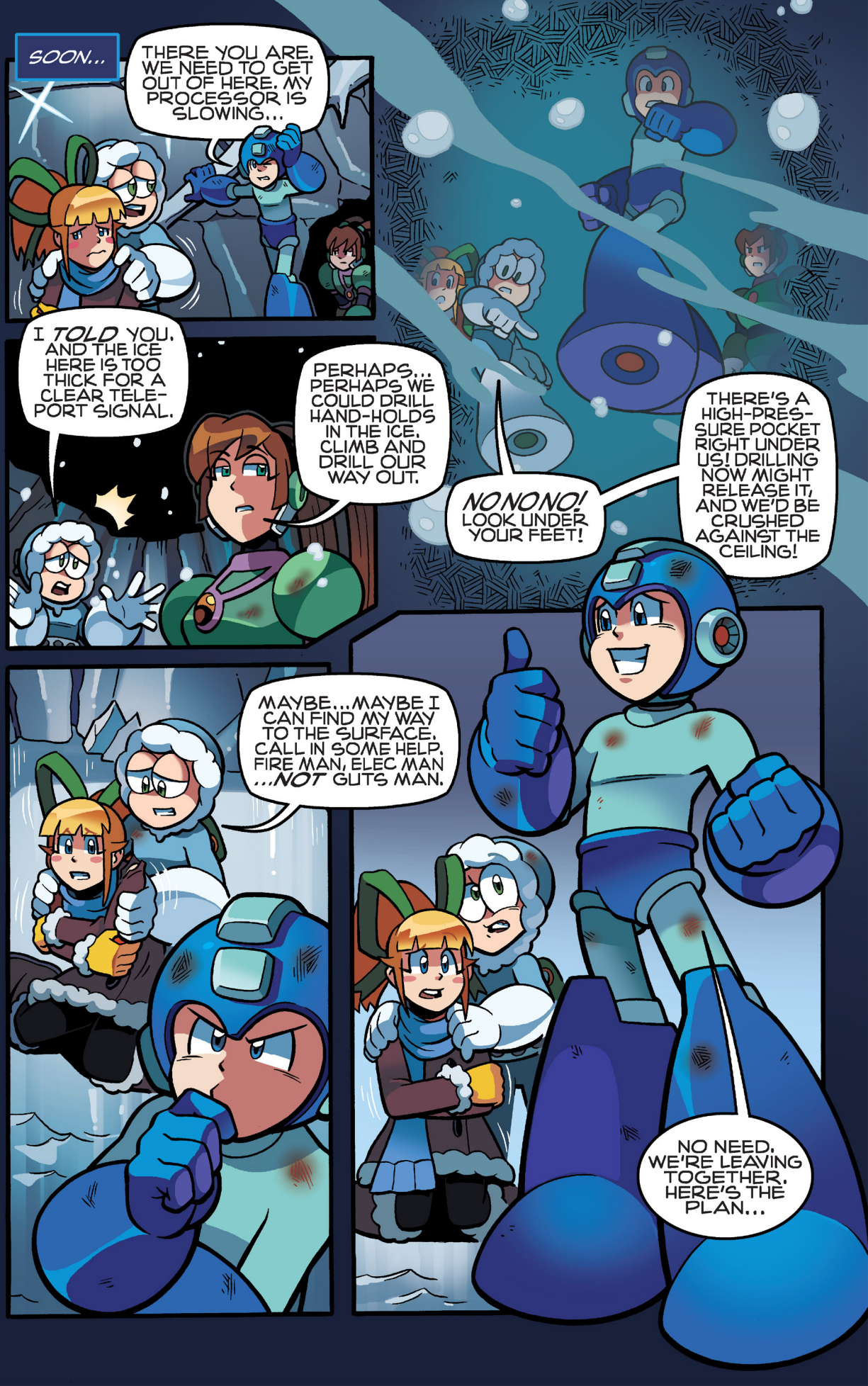
...BUT THEY WEREN'T WRONG...
...ABOUT THE DANGERS OF SCIENCE ADVANCIN' TOO FAST. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE LINE BETWEEN ROBOTS AND HUMANS GETS FUZZY? LIKE THAT "LOVE" THING WE WERE TALKIN' ABOUT EARLIER. WHAT IF SOME VIRUS TURNS 'EM CRAZY AND MAKES THEM RUN WILD?
WE *DO* NEED TO TAKE ON THESE ADVANCES CAUTIOUSLY AND RESPONSIBLY, BUT WE STILL NEED TO MOVE FORWARD. IT'S A DANGEROUS ROAD, EVEN OVERPOWERING TO THOSE OF US IN THE FIELD, BUT IT'S NECESSARY.
I'M *SO* SORRY, GIL--
--*IS* ENTITLED TO HIS OPINION. THIS IS GIL'S WORLD AS MUCH AS OURS.
AND *THAT'S* MY BEEF. YOU KEEP BUILDIN' THESE ROBOTS BIGGER AND BETTER SO FAST HUMANITY CAN'T KEEP UP. YOU'RE MAKIN' IT *THEIR* WORLD, NOT OURS.
I CAN UNDERSTAND THOSE CONCERNS...
"YEAH, BUT HOW DO YOU MAKE SURE THEY *SHARE*?"
...BUT I DON'T SEE IT AS A MATTER OF "MAN VERSUS MACHINE." WE HAVE THIS UNQUE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING IN A NEW FORM OF LIFE AND TEACH IT USING BOTH OUR TRIUMPHS *AND* OUR FAILURES. MY RESEARCH, AGENT STERN, IS TO MAKE A WORLD FOR *ALL* OF US.
UGH...I DON'T KNOW WHICH HURT WORSE, THE FALL OR THE UNINTENDED PUN. MEGA MAN TO ROLL. ARE YOU *OKAY*?

"BY TEACHING THEM CONCERN FOR THEIR FELLOWS--ROBOT AND MAN!"
OH, MAN =/KSHK/= DON'T TELL ME OUR BUILT-IN COMMS =/BZZT!/= DAMAGED WHEN WE...
I READ YOU! I'M FINE, ONLY MINOR EXTERNAL DAMAGE. I DON'T SEE ANYONE ELSE, THOUGH.
STAY PUT =/KSHK!/= ICE MAN? =/ZRPT!/= YOU THERE?
I'M HERE, BUT YOU'RE BARELY COMING THROUGH. RECEPTION'S TERRIBLE DOWN HERE. I'M PICKING UP YOUR HEAT SIGNATURES...
...AND MAKING MY WAY TO YOU.
QUAKE WOMAN, HOW ABOUT YOU?
QUAKE WOMAN? TEMPO? HELLO? ICE MAN, CAN YOU SEE HER?
=/KSHK/= SEE THREE BLOBS, I THINK QUAKE WOMAN IS CLOSER TO YOU, MEGA MAN.

"BY TEACHING THEM HEROISM."
I THINK SHE'S IN TROUBLE. AM I HEADING THE RIGHT WAY?
YEAH, BUT MAKE IT FAST. YOU ≒KSHK!≒ AREN'T BUILT FOR SUB-ZERO TEMPERATURES LIKE ME. YOUR SYSTEMS WON'T LAST FOR ≒VRRT!≒ MUCH LONGER!
IT'S OKAY! I FOUND HER!
QUAKE WOMAN, GET UP, WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE OTHERS.
QUAKE WOMAN? TEMPO?
BURIED AGAIN. BURIED BUT FULLY ACTIVE. WANT TO DIG. DIGGING MIGHT BURY ME MORE. NO DIGGING, NO CHANCE OF ESCAPE. LOGIC LOOP WHILE I'M BURIED.
HEY, I'VE FACED DESTRUCTION DOZENS OF TIMES. IT'S SCARY, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO OVERCOME IT AND MOVE ON.
YOU'VE FACED. I'VE EXPERIENCED. I WAS BURIED. CRUSHED. DESTROYED. MOM TOOK IT ALL AWAY. THEN I WAS STILL DEAD, ONLY INSIDE. NOW I FUNCTION, BUT I REMEMBER.
WHAT IF I LOSE MYSELF AGAIN?
WHAT IF I'M DAMAGED, AND MOM CHANGES HER MIND?
ROLL WANTS ME TO EXPERIENCE "ROMANCE," BUT ALL I KNOW IS...
...FEAR.

"BY TEACHING THEM FRIENDSHIP, COMRADERY --ALL THE BEST TRAITS HUMANITY HAS TO OFFER."
FEAR MAKES US SECOND-GUESS THAT BIG JUMP, OR DRILLING IN AN UNSTABLE PLACE. IT PROTECTS US AS MUCH AS IT SLOWS US DOWN.
IT'S COURAGE THAT SPEEDS US UP AGAIN. ROLL TOLD ME ALL ABOUT WHAT YOU DID FOR THE PEOPLE ON THAT CRUISE SHIP. I SAW YOU IN ACTION AT THE CONVENTION. ✳ YOU *HAVE* THE COURAGE YOU NEED.
✳ MEGA MAN VOL. 4 GRAPHIC NOVEL, ON SALE NOW!
YOU SOUND LIKE YOUR FATHER. YOU ...HAVE A LOT OF CONFIDENCE IN ME.
I DO IN ALL MY FRIENDS.
"FRIENDS." LET'S KEEP IT LIKE THAT, ALL RIGHT? IT IS... SIMPLER.
YES! THANK YOU! MUCH SIMPLER!
ROLL WILL BE DISAPPOINTED.
SHE CAN GET OVER IT. ICE MAN? ROLL? I FOUND QUAKE WOMAN, AND WE'RE HEADING IN YOUR DIRECTION.
"PRETTY WORDS, DOC. MAKE SURE THEY HAPPEN SO I DON'T HAVE TO CLEAN UP YOUR MESS... AGAIN."
"IT WILL BE MY LIFE'S WORK, AND THEN SOME."


CRUD. ANOTHER DEAD END. AT THIS RATE, EVERYONE IS GOING TO FREEZE, AND I'LL BE TRAPPED FOREVER!
NO. WHAT KIND OF TALK IS THAT, SOLDIER? THEY NEED YOU! ROLL NEEDS YOU! NONE OF THEM ARE BUILT FOR THIS TERRAIN, AND YOU ARE!
YOU ARE THE ICE MAN! YOU FOUGHT MEGA MAN TO A STAND-STILL!
(ACTUALLY, HE KINDA WRECKED ME...)*
*MEGA MAN VOLUME 1 GRAPHIC NOVEL, ALSO ON SALE NOW. --EDITOR
THAT'S ENOUGH, SOLDIER! MAN-UP! RESCUE YOUR LADY! SAVE THE DAY! THIS IS YOUR TIME TO SHINE!
YOU CAN DO IT!
HOORAY! ROLL TO MEGA MAN! I FOUND ICE MAN! WE'LL WAIT FOR RESCUE HERE!


SOON...
THERE YOU ARE. WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE. MY PROCESSOR IS SLOWING...
I TOLD YOU. AND THE ICE HERE IS TOO THICK FOR A CLEAR TELE-PORT SIGNAL.
PERHAPS... PERHAPS WE COULD DRILL HAND-HOLDS IN THE ICE. CLIMB AND DRILL OUR WAY OUT.
NONONO! LOOK UNDER YOUR FEET!
THERE'S A HIGH-PRES-SURE POCKET RIGHT UNDER US! DRILLING NOW MIGHT RELEASE IT, AND WE'D BE CRUSHED AGAINST THE CEILING!
MAYBE...MAYBE I CAN FIND MY WAY TO THE SURFACE. CALL IN SOME HELP. FIRE MAN, ELEC MAN ...NOT GUTS MAN.
NO NEED. WE'RE LEAVING TOGETHER. HERE'S THE PLAN...

"FIRST, WE'RE GOING TO RELEASE THE HIGH-PRESSURE WATER.
"I'LL PUNCH THROUGH...
"...THEN ICE MAN IMMEDIATELY MAKES AN ICE PLATFORM.
"AND WE RIDE IT STRAIGHT TO THE SURFACE!"
THAT WAS CRAZY AND STUPID AND WE NEARLY DIED!
BUT IT WORKED!
WELL... TEMPO... WHAT ARE YOU FEELING NOW?
TERROR? EXCITEMENT? I DON'T KNOW! ...BUT PART OF ME WANTS TO DO IT AGAIN!

THAT'S ENOUGH EXCITEMENT FOR ONE NIGHT!
LET'S GET INSIDE WHERE IT'S WARM!
WELL, THAT WAS A LOVELY EVENING. ASIDE FROM YOU CALLING THE VISIONARY SCIENTISTS TERRORISTS.
OOF! I DID NOT. JUST VOICIN' MY CONCERNS ABOUT THE FUTURE.
ALL RIGHT, O SAGELY STERN, ANY CONCERNS FOR MY FUTURE?
JUST THAT YOU'LL SETTLE FOR LESS.
YOU'RE A CLASSY DAME, AND A GOOD COP. FORGET THE SCHMUCK WHO DUMPED YOU TONIGHT AND FIND SOMEBODY OF YOUR CALIBER.
HUH. THAT'S... THANKS, GIL.
CAREFUL, OLD MAN. FOLKS MIGHT LEARN YOU'VE GOT A HEART.
NOBODY'D BELIEVE IT.
Next Time—On the eve of the BIGGEST Crossover Story in MEGA MAN history-- Break Man arrives to ruin Mega Man's Big Birthday Bash!
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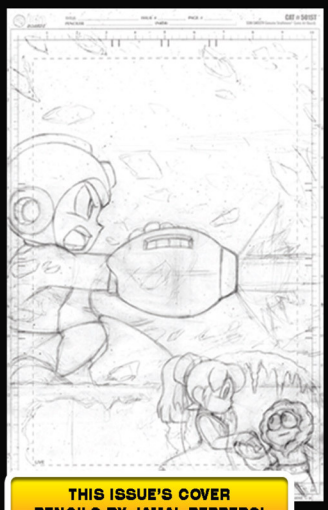
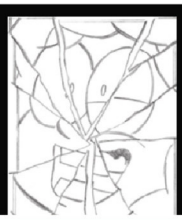


THIS ISSUE'S COVER PENCILS BY JAMAL PEPPERS!

Ah, yes. Love is in the air for our robotic friends -- and astute readers will note that Ice Man's crush on Roll has been brewing for quite a while! (MM#5, even! Don't believe me? Download MM#5 from the Mega Man comics app today and see for yourself!) Roll doesn't seem to be very interested, you might say Ice Man has been getting the... COLD... shoulder... ithankyou... but fear not, ICE-ROLL shippers! There just might come a day when Roll finally sees that Ice Man is a chill dude! A really ice guy once she gets to know him.

Wow, tough crowd. ANYWAY, make sure you bring it right back here next month when Mega Man celebrates his birthday, and Break Man finally makes his move.



POOR ICE MAN CAN'T CATCH A BREAK IN THIS PENCIL PANEL BY RYAN JAMPOLE!

ICE MAN PUTTING OUT THE FIRE ON ROLL'S HAIR IN MEGA MAN #5, AVAILABLE ON THE MEGA MAN COMICS APP, AND IN MEGA MAN VOLUME 2: TIME KEEPS SLIPPING!

Also next issue, The seeds will be sown for the MEGA MAN/ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG crossover event, titled "WORLDS COLLIDE" coming soon!

And don't forget to come back next time to check out the winners of the "ROCK OF AGES" fan art contest! Thanks to everyone who submitted an entry! And while you're at it, be sure to pick up the Mega Man Vol. 4 graphic novel, ON SALE NOW!

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Catch ya next time!

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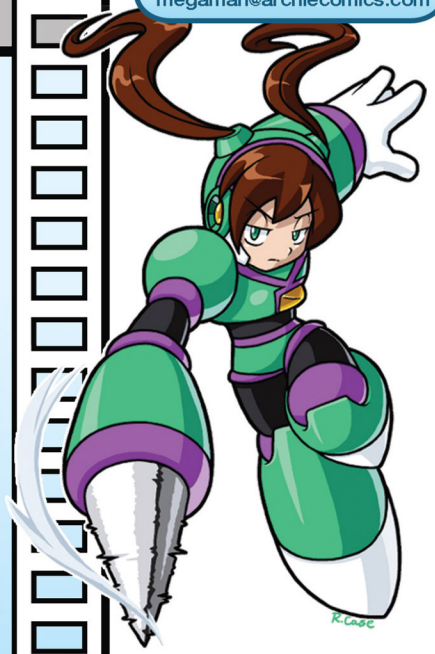

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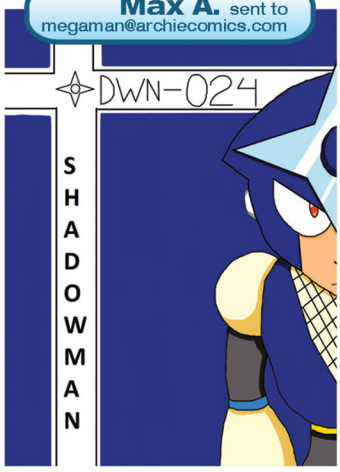

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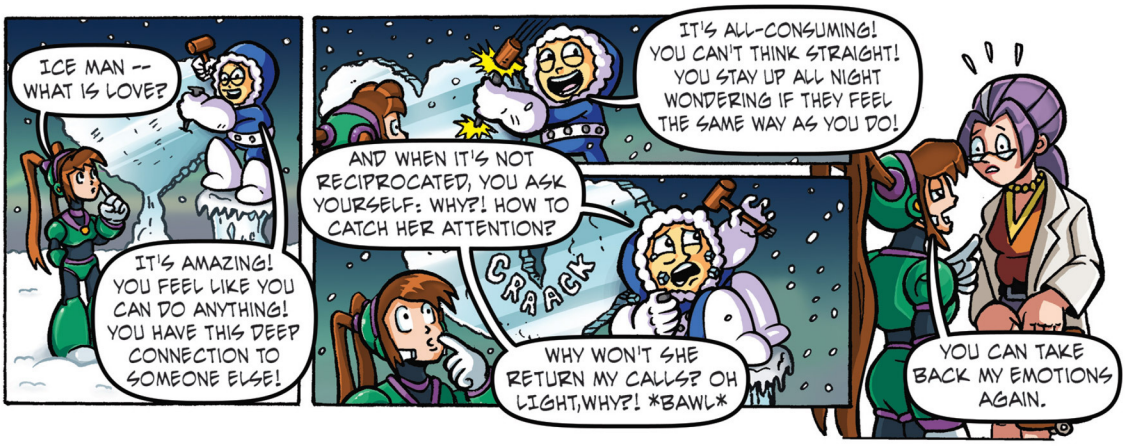
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IT'S AMAZING! YOU FEEL LIKE YOU CAN DO ANYTHING! YOU HAVE THIS DEEP CONNECTION TO SOMEONE ELSE!
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Dear Mega-Mail,
Hey I loved the two part story "Proto-type."

Well if ya liked that, get psyched 'cause Proto Man is coming back next issue as the dangerous Break Man!

And I just wrote this letter to say I'm a big fan of Mega Man comics, and I just can't wait for the story arc "Worlds Collide." I think that Mega Man and Sonic's meeting for the first time will not go so well because Mega Man is a robot and Sonic smashes robots. I hope this gets in. Bye!

-Christopher W.
from Kentucky

Thanks for being a real Mega-fan, Chris! It may well be the case, but one thing's for sure, "Worlds Collide" is gonna knock your dash boots off! Make sure to take advantage of our special subscription offer located at the center of this issue! Plugplugplugplug

Dear Mega-Mail,
Rock of Ages was, to put it simply, awesome! So many characters it made my head spin. You guys did a great job of celebrating Mega Man's 25th anniversary.

Why thank you!

I am curious though, will we ever see Bass again in the comic? Maybe in the "Worlds Collide" saga? Thanks.

-Robert Whitaker,
from Kentucky

I'm fairly certain that you will be seeing Bass again real soon! Will he be in the crossover? Hmmmm, why not subscribe and find out?! Plugplugplug

Dear Mega-Mail,
Each story arc and issue you guys always seem to be able to raise the bar and I must say you've REALLY impressed me with your story for the 25th anniversary issue. I applaud you guys simply for all the cameos (I'm a huge Punk fan!) and the way you designed the story was really awesome. Having Mega Man visit all the future troubles he'll have to deal with was a GREAT way to tease the fans! I didn't think I'd ever see Terra of the Stardroids or King so early! And as for including Bass in the overarching premise... it was done amazingly!

Happy to hear it! We had a great time putting it all together! Look forward to more awesome cameos as the series continues!

I'm really excited for what you guys have in store and this story alone will get anyone hooked I just know it.

Keep up the amazing work, all of you!

- Jock M.
Ontario, Canada

Thanks for the kind words, Jock! We'll keep the amazing coming!

Dear Mega-Mail,
Greetings! I'm a big fan of this series. The art work is beyond incredible and I just love the way you've captured the characters and universe of Mega Man. As a child I dreamed of seeing this story being documented and illustrated and you have far exceeded my expectations.

And there's plenty more to come! We've only scratched the surface of Mega Man and his world, and we've got a lot more to explore!

I want to congratulate you on doing such a superb job at Archie Comics, in keeping the Mega Man spirit so alive and well !

-Jesse B.
from Florida.

And the spirit will never die! Thanks, Jesse!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I have to say this is a great series.I love how you're introducing new characters such as Quake Woman alongside old favorites. Is there any chance you're gonna do a special issue for Mega Man's 25th Anniversary?

-Brendan H.
sent to megaman@
archiecomics.com

And we love Quake Woman! Hope you enjoyed her return this issue, Brendan! We made a special 25th anniversary issue titled Rock of Ages! You can download it today on the Mega Man comics App right NOW and jump through all of space time! Pluplugplugplug

Want to send a special shout-out to The Mega Man Monthly website for all the great work documenting this series!

See y'all next time for the return of Break Man!

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FOR THE BOT WHO HAS EVERYTHING

BLUES IS BACK

Blues, now dubbed Break Man, has returned to do the bidding of the evil Dr. Wily. Can Mega Man face his long lost brother like this?

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